



BOY SMARTS ACTION TALK

HOW TO TALK SO BOYS WILL LISTEN
& LISTEN SO BOYS WILL TALK



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Because it's better to build boys than to mend men!

RATHER than disapproving or suppressing boys' high-spirited physicality, aggression, or shy reluctance, how can parents respond to their varied needs and structure their environments so boys can express these drives in safe, respectful ways?

HOW can parents listen beyond a boy's frustration and anger to connect with him and to understand his deeper needs?

HOW can parents tune into the sensitivities of their son while also being careful not to do things for him that he can do for himself?

HOW can parents help a boy to settle himself at school and complete important school assignments?

HOW can parents set loving limits as they mentor their son to be assertive while also to respect others?

HOW can parents work with school staff to ensure that their son receives optimal support and guidance?

BARRY MACDONALD is a skilled educator, author, and Registered Clinical Counsellor, who will expertly lead you through the corridors of boyhood. His highly practical and positive approach will inspire you to mentor your son to be successful at school, while also developing his ingenuity and integrity to be successful in life.





AGENDA

WHEN boys get stuck in their scholastic or emotional development and compensate with a show of hyper-masculinity they need parents and significant adults to mentor them on the road to a healthy and socially constructive manhood.

AUTHENTIC CONFIDENCE & SELF-ESTEEM COMES FROM THE LIVED EXPERIENCE OF FEELING CAPABLE, CONNECTED TO OTHERS, AND KNOWING THAT YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO OFFER.



- Understanding boys' varied needs and seeking positive solutions.
- Reframing adult attitudes to cultivate resiliency in boys.
- How to respond to emotional melt-downs so boys will talk and listen.
- How to communicate with a boy who is withdrawn, angry, or distant.
- How to discipline constructively and say what you mean and mean what you say
- How to encourage healthy independence so confidence will flourish.
- What is the trouble with traditional learning for boys in the electronic age?
- How to help boys navigate today's cultural realities...video games, facebook.
- How to foster peace with siblings/peers to nurture empathy and compassion.
- How to teach your son to regulate his emotions.
- Depending on the needs of the group: How to respond to poor grades, homework, ADHD, bullying, school assignments, anxiety, and motivation.
- How low levels of literacy/numeracy contribute to increased chances of incarceration, compromised health, and often a sense of lifelong inadequacies and what to do about it.
- How to support a boy's internal motivation and advocate for him at school.
- Help your boy to develop a sense of community and global citizenship, healthy skepticism, respect for others, and appreciation for diversity.

- As academic expectations have intensified in recent years evidence shows that boys trail girls in graduation rates, academic performance, and extracurricular leadership positions.
- We know that boys can have a tougher time than girls sitting still, listening, writing, and negotiating with the peers. When learning needs are misunderstood and discouragement increases, boys are more likely to buck the system and rebel. How can parents support boys to navigate classroom learning so they can find their own pathway to success?



Mentor your son to become a man of courage and compassion.

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Saturdays, 9am - 1pm



SOLD OUT

• September 15 **St. John's NL** St. Bonaventure's College, 2A Bonaventure Ave

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• September 29 **Edmonton** St. James School, 7814 - 83 Street

• October 13 **Calgary** Cardel Theatre, 180 Quarry Park Blvd. SE

• October 27 **Maple Ridge** Meadowridge School, 12224 - 240th Street

Cost

• **Earlybird fee** • **\$99.00** + HST \$11.88 = \$110.88 per person (\$103.95 in Alberta as GST only)

Available until • St. John's-August 30 • Edmonton-Sept13 • Calgary-Sept27 • MapleRidge-Oct 11

In the event that you need the HST/GST tax number to have your tax reimbursed it is #846859320

• **Regular fee** • **\$135.00** + HST \$16.20 = \$151.20 per person (\$141.75 Alberta - as GST only)

• Fee includes 2 complimentary books: *Boy Smarts* & *Boys On Target* (over \$67 to order online!)

• Mailed registrations postmarked **10 days before** event will be confirmed by email upon receipt of payment

Paypal will provide you with a receipt, which becomes your ticket and proof of purchase

Register today! Workshops have consistently **SOLD OUT** before the earlybird date

• No refunds. Transfer to another event is not granted after earlybird date OR after event is sold out

Questions? Email... info@mentoringboys.com



Register online

• **Pay by credit card online**  **at www.MentoringBoys.com**

By mail

• Mail 10 days before event & first check website to ensure that the event is not **Sold Out**

Issue cheque (not postdated) to **Sagepoint Consulting Inc.**

& mail registration form below (ensure date stamp for earlybird date) & payment to:

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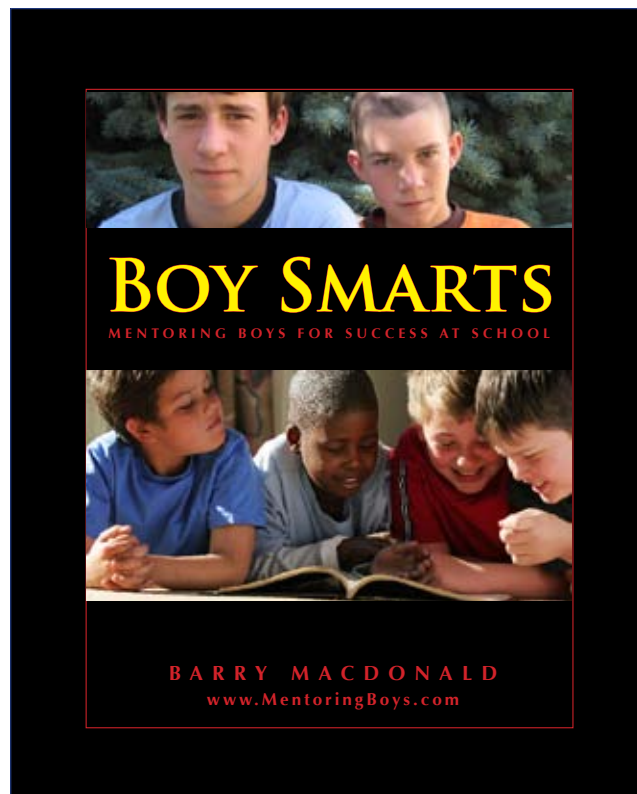
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2 fabulous complementary books included!



Boys on Target contents...

Foreword by Dr. Sue Ann Cairns

The Plight of Boys

Gender Identities & Cultural Expectations

1 *The Uniqueness of Boys*

2 *Why is My Boy So Rambunctious?*

3 *How Can I stop My Young Son from Hitting?*

Boys in the Family Matrix

4 *Initiating Conversation with Boys*

5 *Sibling Rivalry Beyond Cain & Abel*

6 *Sibling Rivalry—Finding a Point of Balance*

7 *Fostering Peace on the Home Front*

8 *Father Hunger*

Parents, Boys, & the Culture of Schools

9 *Should We Delay Kindergarten Entry for Boys?*

10 *How Can I Get My Boy to Read?*

11 *What if Your Boy Is Being Bullied?*

12 *Freeing Boys from Anxiety*

13 *Should I Reward My Son With Cash for Grades?*

14 *Hooked on Video Games!*

15 *Are Boys Spending Enough Time Outdoors?*



Questions About Boys & Schools

16 *Concerns About ADHD*

17 *Auditory Processing Challenges*

18 *Parent-Teacher Conferences*

19 *Recess Matters*

20 *Should Recess be Withdrawn for Incomplete Schoolwork?*

21 *Questioning Zero Tolerance & School Suspension*

22 *When Sitting Still Is Not Enough*

23 *Reframing Attitudes Toward Active Learners*

24 *Appreciating Visual-Spatial Learners*

25 *Questioning Single-Gender Education*

Boys & School Success

26 *Flexible & Creative Educators Help Turn Failure Into Success*

27 *The Curveball of Learning*

28 *Responding Creatively to Masked Anxiety*

29 *Cultivating Capability*

30 *Developing Independence*

31 *Fostering Resiliency*

*Collaborating to Generate Positive Solutions
So What Can We Do?*